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## **Sex Offender Level III Notification**

Date: 01/11/16

The Lewis County Sheriff's Office is releasing the following information pursuant to RCW 4.24.550(1) and (9), which authorizes law enforcement agencies to inform the public when the release of information will enhance public safety and protection. The individual who appears on this notification has been convicted of a sex offense that requires registration with the Sheriff's Office. Further, their previous history places them in a classification level that reflects the potential to re-offend. The individual served the sentence imposed by the court and has properly notified the Sheriff's Office of their current address. The law does not require this offender to do anything other than register. THEY ARE NOT WANTED BY LAW ENFORCEMENT AT THIS TIME. THIS NOTIFICATION IS NOT INTENDED TO INCREASE FEAR; RATHER, IT IS OUR BELIEF THAT AN INFORMED PUBLIC IS A SAFER PUBLIC. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Detective Jamey McGinty or Field Operations Chief Bruce Kimsey at 360-748-9286.



Name: George D. Bartz

Address: 1600 block Spencer Road, Salkum WA.

Date of Birth: 06/21/45 Sex: Male Race: White Height: 6'4" Weight: 230

Hair: Grey/Brown Eyes: Brown

**Synopsis of Information Obtained from Public Records:** 

On 11/15/00, George Bartz was convicted in Spokane County Superior Court for Assault 1<sup>st</sup> Degree as part of a plea agreement. This stems from Bartz having abusive sexual contact with a 10-year old female that he was related to when he was 55-years old. As a result of this conviction, Bartz was sentenced to 184 months in prison and 24 months of probation once released. Prior to the above conviction,

Bartz was convicted in 1997 for Assault of a Child 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree. This was also part of a plea agreement and involved Bartz (52-years old at the time) having abusive sexual contact with a known, but unrelated 9-year old female. Bartz's requirement to register as a sex offender comes from a 1991 conviction in Spokane County Superior Court for two counts of Statutory Rape in the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree. This conviction stems from (count #1) Bartz having sexual contact a 10-year old unrelated female when he was 44-years old. This offense occurred over a long period of time. Count #2 was during an earlier time period and involved Bartz having sexual contact with a different, known 9-year old female over a period of time. Based on these convictions, Bartz presents a clear risk to the community and this notification is required.

Using this public information to threaten, intimidate or harass sex offenders will not be tolerated by the law enforcement agencies of Lewis County. This abuse could potentially terminate our ability to release this important information to the public.